

2018-09-18 Separable ODEs (2.1)

2.1 Separable ODEs

Q: Which of these ODEs are Separable ODEs? Why?

a. $\theta'' = \frac{-g}{l} \sin(\theta)$ Second order (Not Separable.) $\frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} d^2\theta = -\frac{g}{l} dt^2$

b. $v' = -g$ Yes. $dv = -g dt$

c. $v' = \frac{-g-r}{mv}$ Yes. $\frac{1}{\left(\frac{-g-r}{mv}\right)} dv = dt$

d. $y' = \frac{-gt-r}{my+10}$ Yes. $\frac{1}{my+10} dy = (-gt-r) dt$

e. $y' = -gt - \frac{\gamma}{m}y + 10$ Not Separable.

[Observe if the differential equation can be written as $\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) \cdot h(y)$ then it is separable. e.g. equation c. can be written as $v' = \frac{-g-r}{m} \cdot \frac{1}{v}$]

b:

$$v' = -g$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -g$$

$$dv = -g dt$$

$$\int dv = \int -g dt$$

Let us recall the model for the altitude of a boulder thrown by a catapult:

$$v'(t) = \frac{-g-r}{m \cdot v(t)}$$

Initially the boulder has velocity v_0

1. What is $v(t)$?

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -g - \frac{\gamma}{m}v(t)$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{-(gm + \gamma v(t))}{m}$$

$$\frac{1}{(gm + \gamma v(t))} dv = -\frac{1}{m} dt$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(gm + \gamma v(t))} dv = \int -\frac{1}{m} dt \text{ (integrate both sides)}$$

$$\frac{\ln(|\gamma v(t) + gm|)}{\gamma} = -\frac{1}{m} t + c$$

$$\ln(\gamma v(t) + gm) = -\frac{\gamma}{m} t + c$$

$$\gamma v(t) + gm = e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m} t + c}$$

$$v(t) = \frac{\left(ce^{-\frac{\gamma}{m} t} - gm\right)}{\gamma}; \quad v_0 = \frac{(ce^0 - gm)}{\gamma}; \quad c = gm + \gamma v_0$$

$$v(t) = \frac{\left((gm + \gamma v_0)e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m} t} - gm\right)}{\gamma}$$

2. What is $y(t)$?

$$v(t) = y'(t)$$

$$y(t) = \int v(t) dt$$

$$y(t) = \int \frac{\left((gm + \gamma v_0)e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m} t} - gm\right)}{\gamma} dt$$

$$y(t) = \frac{-m(\gamma v_0 + mg)e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m} t}}{\gamma^2} - \frac{mgt}{\gamma} + c$$

Note: $\frac{m(\gamma v_0 + mg)}{\gamma^2}$ in above equation is the C value, found by using initial value $y(0)=0$.

$$0 = \frac{-m(\gamma v_0 + mg)}{\gamma^2} + c$$

$$y(t) = \frac{-m(\gamma v_0 + gm)e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m} t}}{\gamma^2} - \frac{gm}{\gamma} t + \frac{m(\gamma v_0 + mg)}{\gamma^2}$$